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The Honorable Adam Wool  
Representative  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412  
Juneau, AK, 99801

Dear Representative Wool:

House Bill 382 runs contrary to Alaska Power Association's 2018 State Policy Position on Railbelt transmission unification.

Alaska Power Association is the statewide trade association for electric utilities in Alaska. Our members provide power from Utqiagvik to Unalaska, throughout the Interior and Southcentral, and down the Inside Passage.

Alaska's Railbelt electric utilities are working collaboratively to identify and implement new approaches that will bring about more efficiencies and benefits to consumers. Already, substantial progress has been made on economic dispatch, system planning and generation efficiency.

The Railbelt utilities have made regular reports to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, which has weighed in with its analysis. A letter dated March 27, 2018, from Matanuska Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association, Homer Electric Association, and Chugach Electric Association opposing HB 382 is an excellent summation of the reasons why the bill should not pass.

The Railbelt utilities should be encouraged to continue their efforts to maximize efficiency in the Railbelt in a self-directed manner so real benefits to ratepayers can be realized.

Sincerely,

Crystal Enkvist  
Executive Director